

MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday, May 19, 2025
Madison County Public Health Department, Wampsville, NY – In-Person

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS PRESENT

Marla Velky-Reger, LCSW-R – President
Wendy Cary – Vice President
Jennifer Meyers, MD
Kurt Gormley, DDS
Gerry Edwards, MD
Siubhan Bongiovanni, DVM

EXCUSED

Mary Cavanagh, Board of Supervisors Representative
Rachel Elder, MD

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Faisst, Director of Public Health
Erica Bird, Deputy Director of Public Health
Seelan Newton, M.D. – Medical Director
Marisa Campanaro, Director of Administrative Services
Aaron Lazzara, Director of Environmental Health
Shelly DeGroat, Director of Children with Special Health Care Needs
Deanna Matt, Confidential Secretary to the Director of Public Health

Board President Marla Velky-Reger called the meeting to order at 6:28pm.

The Board reviewed the April 2025 minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Gormley, second by Dr. Bongiovanni, and approved by all.

Audit of Claims

The April 2025 audit of claims was distributed for review and discussion:

- Rabies post-exposure treatment under expense
- HUD Grant work has started with CAP
 - Hoping to get more projects underway soon

Motion to approve the audit of claims was made by VP Cary, second by Dr. Edwards, and approved by all.

Reports

- County Report – No Report
- Director's Report – Eric Faisst
 - Housing Collaborative
 - Strategic Planning session took place on May 14th at Delphi Falls
 - Facilitated by National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH), the group was able to identify 5 key strategies and started the next steps to initiating plans
 - June 11th the group will meet again to determine group structure and work towards developing a 3-year plan and by laws

- Gas Flare event follow up
 - Looked into any initial impact such as increase in respiratory illness – determined that illnesses actually decreased within the time frame of the gas flare compared to previous year at this time
- JUUL funds
 - State passed the budget, now we are waiting for funds to be released
 - Initial step to form a steering committee to help us with utilizing those funds
- Wastewater Analysis
 - We were notified that the state will no longer be able to test wastewater, but they have linked us up with SUNY Stonybrook who will be able to conduct analysis for 26 substances for us, including cannabis.
 - Student Intern from SU started today to assist with analysis of wastewater testing results
- Occupational Health Surveillance
 - Requested data from the state has been received, and we will now use it to develop an occupational health data brief
 - NYS also looking at electronic health records, as occupational health data are being collected now – Eric has asked to be a part of that
 - Also working with RHIO network to extract that data as well
 - Eric spoke with Office of Emergency Management (OEM) about obtaining Tier 2 data (reporting of certain levels of chemicals present) → hoping to see health impact of chemicals in workplaces
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
 - Looking into our department's capacity to deal with ACEs – CDC developed a tool to look at capacity to address through services offered
 - Will help focus our programs
 - Shelly is coordinating an ACEs training next month targeting daycare and school staff
- Conducting an evaluation of the Healthy Neighborhoods Program
 - Program running for three years so far, and Eric is looking at the metrics to see how the program is doing
- Conducting an evaluation of Transportation options for EI/PreK
- Community Health Assessment
 - Compiling data from the focus groups and survey to present to the CHA Planning Team before they select priorities for the health improvement plan
 - Soft launch of the Metopio public-facing dashboard called Atlas
- City of Oneida – Nothing to Report
- President's Report – Marla Velky-Reger
 - May is Mental Health awareness month – share the 988 National Mental Health Hotline
- Medical Director's Report – Dr. Newton
 - Respiratory illness rates are all down (RSV, flu, COVID)
 - H5N1 – no cases since February
 - Measles cases are still high in other areas of the country

Old Business

- None

New Business

- June Board of Health meeting location moved to Delphi Falls County Park for this month only
- Dollar General
 - Dept. can fine up to \$2,000 maximum fine for each violation – recommended fine amounts are included in the Environmental Health report (includes hearing fee)

Motion to fine the Dollar General (Madison location) the recommended total amount of \$725 made by VP Cary, second by Dr. Bongiovanni, 5 Ayes and 1 Nay with a recommendation of a higher fine, motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Meyers, second by Dr. Edwards, and approved by all – 7:08pm.

Next Meeting June 23, 2025 at 6:30pm – IN-PERSON –
At Delphi Falls County Park (2006 Cardner Rd, New Woodstock, NY)

Respectfully submitted by Deanna Matt